

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 10 of page 4 as follows:

The set of pedals 1 comprises a fixing plate 2, which enables anchorage of the set of pedals 1 itself to a fixed frame (not illustrated) of the motor vehicle (not illustrated), and supports a toothed guide rod 3 (first guide), which projects from the plate 2 in a given direction 4, has a longitudinal axis 3a, and is provided with a toothing having, in longitudinal sectional view, a substantially V-shape.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 1 of page 7 as follows:

According to what is illustrated in FIG. 4, the device 9 further comprises a clamping device 26 (first clamp), which enables blocking of the slide 5 along the rod 3, and comprises a plurality of gripping arms 27 (first clamping members; in the case in point, three arms 27), which are mounted within the hole 5a, are uniformly distributed around the rod 3 and hence around the axis 3a, and have respective toothed portions 28 set in a position facing the rod 3 itself.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 10 of page 7 as follows:

The arms 27 are hinged to the slide 5 for oscillating, with respect to the slide 5 itself and under the action of the thrust of an actuator device 29 (first actuator device), about respective axes 30 of fulcrum transverse to the axis 3a itself between a position of clamping (FIG. 4b), in which the arms 27 set themselves at a distance from one another approximating by defect the diameter of the rod 3 so as to enable the portions 28 to engage the rod 3 itself, and a position of release (FIG. 4a), in which the arms 27 set themselves at a distance from one another approximating by excess the diameter of the rod 3 so as to enable the portions 28 to disengage the rod 3 itself.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 23 of page 7 as follows:

The device 29 comprises a mechanically actuated tubular piston 31 (first actuator), which is mounted, within the hole 5a, so that it shares the axis 3a of the rod 3, is coupled slidably to the rod 3, and is provided, in a position corresponding to a first free end of its own, with an annular flange 32 extending radially outwards from the outer surface of the piston 31, and, in a position corresponding to a second free end of its own, with a cup 33 fixed to the piston 31 itself perpendicular to the axis 3a.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 16 of page 8 as follows:

The device 29 further comprises a spring 35 (second actuator), which is mounted within the hole 5a so that it shares the axis 3a of the rod 3, and is set between the cup 33 and an annular element 36 fixed within the hole 5a for displacing the piston 31 into, and normally maintaining it in, a resting position (FIG. 4b), in which the free ends of the arms 27 engage the corresponding stretches 34a and the portions 28 set themselves on the outside of the corresponding races 34 to engage the rod 3.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 13 of page 9 as follows:

With reference to FIG. 5, the device 9 further comprises a clamping device 40 (second clamp), which enables blocking of the sleeve 12 along the rod 14 and comprises a plurality of gripping members 41 (second clamping members; in the case in point, three members 41), which are mounted within the sleeve 12, and are uniformly distributed around the rod 14. Each member 41 is limited radially by a toothed face 42, which extends parallel to the axis 14a and is set in a position facing the rod 14, and is limited axially by a substantially wedge-

shaped portion 43 set in engagement with a race 44 shaped like a truncated cone made on the internal surface of the sleeve 12 and normally common to all the members 41.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 27 of page 9 as follows:

The members 41 are mobile, under the action of the thrust of an actuator device 45 (second actuator device), between a position of clamping (FIG. 5a), in which the members 41 set themselves at a distance from one another approximating by defect the diameter of the rod 14 so as to enable the faces 42 to engage the rod 14 itself, and a position of release (FIG. 5b), in which the members 41 set themselves at a distance from one another, approximating by excess the diameter of the rod 14 so as to enable the faces 42 to disengage the rod 14 itself.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 11 of page 10 as follows:

The device 45 comprises: a mechanically actuated tubular piston 46 (third actuator), which is mounted within the sleeve 12 so that it shares the axis 14a of the rod 14, is coupled slidably to the rod 14, and is limited axially by a surface 47 substantially shaped like a truncated cone, set in engagement with the portions 43; and a spring 48 (fourth actuator), which is fitted on the rod 14 so that it shares the axis 14a of the rod 14 and is set between the sleeve 12 and the members 41 for displacing the members 41 themselves into, and normally maintaining them in, their clamping position, and for displacing the piston 46 into, and normally maintaining it in, a resting position (FIG. 5a).